

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1-10. (Canceled)

11. (Currently Amended) An elastomeric composite laminate, comprising:

at least one facing sheet; and

an elastomeric adhesive composition self-adhered to the at least one facing sheet, the elastomeric adhesive composition including a base polymer and a high softening point tackifier resin having a softening point of about 80 degrees Celsius or greater and a viscosity of about 1500 cps or greater at 182 degrees Celsius, wherein the elastomeric adhesive composition has a viscosity between about 100,000 and about 500,000 cps at between about 149 and about 177 degrees Celsius;

wherein the at least one facing sheet comprises an absorbent material.

12. (Original) The elastomeric composite laminate of Claim 11, wherein the at least one facing sheet comprises a nonwoven web selected from a spunbond web, a meltblown web, and combinations thereof.

13. (Original) The elastomeric composite laminate of Claim 11, wherein the at least one facing sheet comprises a film.

14. (Canceled)

15. (Original) The elastomeric composite laminate of Claim 11, wherein the at least one facing sheet comprises an elastomeric material.

16. (Previously Presented) The elastomeric composite laminate of Claim 11, wherein the at least one facing sheet comprises a fastener component.

17. (Original) The elastomeric composite laminate of Claim 11, wherein the base polymer is present in the composition in an amount between about 50% and about 75% by weight.

18. (Original) The elastomeric composite laminate of Claim 11, wherein the base polymer comprises at least one of the group consisting of polystyrene-polyethylene-polypropylene-polystyrene (SEPS) block copolymer, styrene-isoprene-styrene (SIS) block copolymer, styrene-butadiene-styrene (SBS) block copolymer, styrene-ethylene-butylene-styrene (SEBS) block copolymer, ethylene-propylene-diene (EPDM) copolymers, thermoplastic polyurethane, and combinations thereof.

19. (Original) The elastomeric composite laminate of Claim 11, wherein the high softening point tackifier is present in the composition in an amount between about 20% and about 40% by weight.

20. (Original) The elastomeric composite laminate of Claim 11, wherein the high softening point tackifier comprises at least one type of hydrocarbon selected from the group consisting of petroleum distillates, rosin, rosin esters, polyterpenes derived from wood, polyterpenes derived from synthetic chemicals, and combinations thereof.

21. (Original) The elastomeric composite laminate of Claim 11, further comprising a low softening point additive having a softening point of about 60 degrees Celsius or less and a viscosity of about 1000 cps or less at 182 degrees Celsius, present in an amount between about 0% and about 20% by weight.

22. (Previously Presented) The elastomeric composite laminate of Claim 11, wherein the composition is applied as at least one of the group consisting of: a plurality of extruded strands, an extruded film, a melt-blown web, a foam, a plurality of beads, and combinations thereof.

23. (Original) The elastomeric composite laminate of Claim 11, further comprising:

a garment incorporating the elastomeric composite laminate into a structure of the garment.

24. (Original) The elastomeric composite laminate of Claim 23, wherein the garment is one selected from the group consisting of personal care garments, medical garments, and industrial workwear garments.

25-37. (Canceled)

38. (Previously Presented) The elastomeric composite laminate of Claim 11, wherein the base polymer has a styrene content of between about 10% and about 45% by weight.

39. (Previously Presented) The elastomeric composite laminate of Claim 11, wherein the base polymer has a styrene content of between about 18% and about 30% by weight.

40. (Previously Presented) The elastomeric composite laminate of Claim 11, wherein the base polymer has a Shore A hardness of about 20 to about 90.

41. (Previously Presented) The elastomeric composite laminate of Claim 11, wherein the base polymer has a Shore A hardness of about 30 to about 80.

42. (Previously Presented) The elastomeric composite laminate of Claim 21, wherein the low softening point additive is present at up to about 20% by weight of the adhesive composition.

43. (Previously Presented) The elastomeric composite laminate of Claim 21, wherein the low softening point additive comprises a tackifier or wax having a softening point below 80° C and a viscosity of less than 100 cps at 182° C.

44. (Previously Presented) The elastomeric composite laminate of Claim 11, wherein the adhesive composition has an elongation-to-break of about 500% to about 1300%.

45. (Previously Presented) The elastomeric composite laminate of Claim 11, wherein the adhesive composition has an elongation-to-break of about 600% to about 1200%.

46. (Previously Presented) The elastomeric composite laminate of Claim 11, wherein the adhesive composition is formed as at least one of the group consisting of: a plurality of extruded strands, an extruded film, a foam, a plurality of beads, and combinations thereof.

47. (Previously Presented) The elastomeric composite laminate of Claim 11, wherein the adhesive composition is formed as a combination of a plurality of extruded strands and an extruded film.

48. (Previously Presented) The elastomeric composite laminate of Claim 11, further comprising a plurality of elastomeric polymer strands adhered to and partially embedded in the adhesive composition.

49. (Previously Presented) The elastomeric composite laminate of Claim 48, wherein the elastomeric polymer strands are laid out periodically.

50. (Previously Presented) The elastomeric composite laminate of Claim 48, wherein the elastomeric polymer strands are laid out non-periodically.

51. (Previously Presented) The elastomeric composite laminate of Claim 48, wherein the elastomeric polymer strands comprise a thermoplastic elastomer.

52. (Previously Presented) The elastomeric composite laminate of Claim 48, wherein the elastomeric polymer strands comprise a thermosetting elastomer.

53. (Previously Presented) The elastomeric composite laminate of Claim 48, wherein the elastic polymer strands are in a stretched state during formation of the laminate.

54. (Previously Presented) The elastomeric composite laminate of Claim 11, further comprising a second facing sheet.

55. (Previously Presented) The elastomeric composite laminate of claim 11, wherein the facing sheet is necked.

56. (Previously Presented) The elastomeric composite laminate of Claim 11, wherein the facing sheet is gathered.

57. (Previously Presented) The elastomeric composite laminate of Claim 11, wherein the adhesive composition further comprises an absorbent material.

58. (Previously Presented) The elastomeric composite laminate of Claim 57, wherein the absorbent material comprises cellulose fluff.

59. (Previously Presented) The elastomeric composite laminate of Claim 57, wherein the absorbent material comprises a superabsorbent material.

60. (Previously Presented) The elastomeric composite laminate of Claim 11, wherein the laminate has varied tension.

61. (New) An elastomeric composite laminate, comprising:

at least one facing sheet; and

an elastomeric adhesive composition self-adhered to the at least one facing sheet, the elastomeric adhesive composition including a base polymer and a high softening point tackifier resin having a softening point of about 80 degrees Celsius or greater and a viscosity of about 1500 cps or greater at 182 degrees Celsius, wherein the elastomeric adhesive composition has a viscosity between about 100,000 and about 500,000 cps at between about 149 and about 177 degrees Celsius;

wherein the adhesive composition is formed as a combination of a plurality of extruded strands and an extruded film.

62. (New) An elastomeric composite laminate, comprising:

at least one facing sheet; and

an elastomeric adhesive composition self-adhered to the at least one facing sheet, the elastomeric adhesive composition including a base polymer and a high softening point tackifier resin having a softening point of about 80 degrees Celsius or greater and a viscosity of about 1500 cps or greater at 182 degrees Celsius, wherein the elastomeric adhesive composition has a viscosity between about 100,000 and about 500,000 cps at between about 149 and about 177 degrees Celsius; and

a plurality of elastomeric polymer strands adhered to and partially embedded in the adhesive composition, wherein the elastomeric strands are laid out non-periodically.

63. (New) An elastomeric composite laminate, comprising:

at least one facing sheet; and

an elastomeric adhesive composition self-adhered to the at least one facing sheet, the elastomeric adhesive composition including a base polymer and a high softening point tackifier resin having a softening point of about 80 degrees Celsius or greater and a viscosity of about 1500 cps or greater at 182 degrees Celsius, wherein the elastomeric adhesive composition has a viscosity between about 100,000 and about 500,000 cps at between about 149 and about 177 degrees Celsius;

wherein the adhesive composition further comprises an absorbent material.

64. (New) The elastomeric composite laminate of Claim 63, wherein the absorbent material comprises cellulose fluff.

65. (New) The elastomeric composite laminate of Claim 63, wherein the absorbent material comprises a superabsorbent material.